One local group pushing for a ban on red-light cameras is making a last effort in order to obtain enough public support.

Traffic cameras and drones were at the center of a public forum held on the University of Iowa campus Thursday night. The event was the latest push by the group called Stop Big Brother to reach the 2,500 signatures it needs by April 1 to petition the Iowa City City Council to ban the surveillance technologies.

The organization has 2,100 signatures, said Alakey Gurtovoy, a co-founder of the group.

The other co-founder, Marsha Hamps, had thought the forum was successful but wished there had been a larger audience. Roughly 30 people were in attendance.

Opponents of cameras and drones are varied. Opponents of the surveillance technologies believe they infringe on due process and invades privacy, but some government officials say that these new technologies improve safety with no harm done to law-abiding citizens.

The members of the forum panel said that red-light cameras evidently value revenue over citizen safety. John Yapp, R-Urbana, who spoke on the panel, said he had tested the idea by introducing legislation that capped violation fees at $80 for red-light camera offenders.

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Local union aids county Food Bank

The Johnson County Food Bank is seeking an increase in the number of clients and donations.

By MICHELLE KIM

After careful consideration, the Johnson County Food Bank was selected to receive $1,525 worth of food on Thursday from AFSCME Local 360, and union officials pay donations such as these are especially important during this time of the year.

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Group pushes camera ban

Officials, students, and couples weighed in on the U.S. Supreme Court cases on the Defense of Marriage Act and Proposition 8.

By BRENT GRIFFITHS

The U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments this week in two cases involving gay and lesbian rights, which many University of Iowa students welcomed as a chance to recognize same-sex marriage. Some officials had expressed concerns depending on their political affiliations.

The highest court in the United States heard arguments about California’s Proposition 8, a ban on same-sex marriages passed by voters in 2008. However, Iowaans could be more affected by the second case regarding the Defense of Marriage Act, which among other requirements does not federalize the recognition of same-sex marriages in states where it’s legal.

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"We know that when- ever you decide to vote against somebody... that's a very difficult thing for us to do," Hatch said. "It's not easy. These are leaders who volunteered to partic- ipate in state government and we're saying, in a very public way, we don't think you're good enough. It's not very difficult and not an easy thing to do, but I pro-

"You might be watch-
ing you trying from time to time, but you're not recording unless you hit the button," he said. "It's not something the vehicle runs if you run the red light.

"If you're in public, you can't have an expedi-
tion of privacy," he said, going on to explain the history and meaning of the provision under ques-
tion. "It's about people," said UI sophomore Nicholas Johnson, a chair of the Iowa Senate Democrats, said he was conflicted but personally opposes same-sex mar-
riage.

"I believe marriage is for one man and a woman and we are the right side of justice," said

Regardless of the "I think we have an obligation to avoid the roadway."
Summer scholarship program will improve graduation rates

The university in Iowa is taking proactive steps to increase graduation rates for students, with a focus on summer programs and scholarships. The DI Editorial Board believes this initiative has the potential to improve the quality of students' education, increase the four-year graduation rate from 48 percent to 52 percent, and provide funding to improve the four-year graduation rate by 8 percent. The Board notes that the program has already made eligible for the summer scholarship. The Board also highlights the importance of providing funding for students who may not otherwise have the means to afford college. The program is designed to provide scholarships for one summer term to students in need, with the goal of improving graduation rates and reducing student debt. The Board notes that many obstacles prevent students from graduating on time, including financial constraints, and emphasizes the need for continued support to address these challenges. The Board concludes by encouraging readers to support this promising initiative with the potential to reduce student debt, improve the four-year graduation rate, and increase the quality of students' education.
Despite a hotly debated Wednesday afternoon meeting at the Coralville City Hall over the future of SEATS, the Johnson County Board of Supervisors remain confident that a deal can soon be reached with Iowa City, Coralville, and North Liberty—ultimately keeping the more than 40-year service alive.

The supervisors summarized the discussions and resulting compromises they hope can lead to the end of months-long debate over the para-transit service at their Thursday meeting. Supervisor Rod Sullivan said that despite the initial agreements, he remains particularly frustrated with communication with one city in particular.

“I am very pleased that we are meeting with North Liberty, but I just wish we could meet with Iowa City,” Sullivan said. “There are 68,000 residents in Iowa City who also live in the county, and we can’t sit down in a joint meeting?” Sullivan remained firm in his belief that at least one joint meeting among area city officials should be required. No supervisor opposed such a move.

Citing rising costs and budget limitations, the supervisors have called for an end in subsidy funding for the program serving the area’s two largest cities. In a March 1 letter addressed to the supervisors from area mayors, they requested that the current funding formula be continued.

SEATS provides door-to-door rides to individuals with disabilities, senior citizens, and others in need of assistance accessing medical clinics, grocery stores, and other destinations. Supervisor Chairwoman Janelle Rettig said she believes that with the current accounting numbers that have been combed over and developed by SEATS Director Tom Brase, the quality of service and ridership shouldn’t have to change.

“I just want this program to continue, for it to be reliable, and for this agitation and stress to end,” Rettig said. Current terms call for the county to provide $200,000 in SEATS funding per year, with a 3 percent cap on subsidies. All five supervisors were in favor of the $200,000 mark, and Supervisors Sullivan, Pat Harney, and Terrence Neuzil spoke in favor of a five-year contract with local municipalities.

Additionally, if a new agreement is reached, all five supervisors came to the conclusion that the three cities would be required to provide their own “bumper-to-bumper” maintenance and pay all matching funds on their respective para-transit buses. In the past, matching funds were paid with out of the pocket of SEATS.

“I think the riders expect a certain level of service,” he said. “If we’re going to give [Iowa City, Coralville, North Liberty] that much money, I would expect the service to remain the same. I think the message is that SEATS is here to stay.”

Iowa City resident Bob Welsh said he believed although he was unclear about the elimination of half-price rides, he thought Neuzil and Rettig represented the face of the county well during Wednesday afternoon’s joint meeting.

“The interest is solely and completely preserving the service that people currently have,” he said.
Wintering through here

Local legislators and officials will host a Q&A session after the screening of American Winter, a documentary about poverty.

By Rebecca Morin

In the midst of a post-economic-recession economy, families struggle to get back on their feet — and two filmmakers have created a documentary to showcase the struggles of the middle-class and working-poor families around the country. American Winter, an HBO documentary directed by Joe and Harry Gantz, will be screened at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Englert Theater, 221 E. Washington St. The film follows eight families slipping into poverty as a result of the recession, and it showcases the effects of poverty in the United States. The screening is part of a recent campaign launched by the directors to help inform the community and state legislators about the problems families still face.

"It reaches millions of viewers, but our goal is to get it to the communities all across the country and connect with nonprofit legislators, local and state representatives," said Devon Terrill, a co-producer of American Winter and a University of Iowa alumna. "We want to use the film as a tool to influence policies and to always put focus on policies that can provide more economic stability for families that need it." The event has attracted many local legislators and officials such as Joni Bulkley, the former Iowa Democratic chairwoman; Rep. Dave Jacoby, D-Coralville; Becc Reedus, the executive director of the Johnson County Crisis Center; Crissy Canganelli, the executive director of the Iowa City Shelter House; and Christine Scheetz, the co-founder and an associate director of FilmScene. "I think it shows the emotions and relate this story to them," said Jacoby, who will act as the moderator for the session after the film. Local legislators and officials will host a Q&A session after the screening of American Winter, a documentary about poverty. Photo: Iowa City Press-Citizen

"When the film ends, that is the real beginning of the discussion than with a film," said Andrew Sherburne, a co-founder and an associate director of FilmScene. "It's the fear that it could be themself." This film is part of a three-film series in collaboration with FilmScene and various organizations in Iowa City. Each film will be free and will feature special guests from the film. "It's a great way to get people involved in conversations about issues such as marriage equality — what better way to open up discussion than with a film," said Andrew Sherburne, a co-founder and an associate director of FilmScene. "When the film ends, that is the real beginning of how it affects you." Officials encourage the community to come out to the event as families nationwide can relate to the experiences. "The major thing is that this film will paint the picture that these families are our friends," Jacoby said. "I believe this movie will tug on the heartstrings of people who watch it, and they may have a relative or friend and relate this story to themselves." Although the recession ended in 2009, Terrill said families still don't have enough economic security. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the unemployment rate stood at 7.7 percent in February. However, one political expert said he believes there's more behind the decrease in the unemployment rate than the number of jobs being created. "There is still a lot of unemployment, but the number has gone down because a lot of people have stopped looking," said Tim Hagle, a University of Iowa associate professor of political science. "If you include those who have stopped looking, you are looking at a 13 to 14 percent unemployment rate. Although Iowa was not as hard hit by the recession as other states, people can still be found struggling in recovery, Hagle said. "One crisis can create one setback that can potentially lead to parents having trouble providing for their family and food, and they can lead to homelessness, the winter or light being turned off in their home, and hunger." Terrill said.

FOOD BANK CONTINUED FROM FRONT

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Would the people serve themselves a good meal at home? Hy-Vee, 1201 N. Dodge St., got involved with this service by partnering up with the AFSCME Local 2003 and provided groceries for the donation. Food Bank officials said that fresh fruits, vegetables, and meat are always appreciated; however, such items are challenging to donate, as they are difficult to store. Therefore, officials said canned food is in greater demand this year as it is easier to both store and prepare. They also said the problem this time of year is that not many people contribute or donate outside of typical holiday seasons. In the meantime, officials have noticed an increase both in the number of clients and the amount of food donations. "We've seen new families every single month," Wityy said. "Due to the economy, due to houses being cut back, due to long-term unexpected unemployment, they are no longer able to meet their family's needs." However, the increase in clients is not only caused by the struggling economy, but also by unexpected family emergencies and illnesses. "They were making it, they were doing great," she said. "One thing happens and they are just not able to recover as quickly as they need to." Raymond Bieman, an economics professor at the UI, said he is hoping that the economy is slowly getting better. He said that job creation and employment numbers are steadily increasing, but not by much. Tony Villanueva, corporate building service coordinator at AFSCME, said clients who come for the donated food are not always those that people would expect. "These are hard-working people that may have just had a bad time," Villanueva said. "And if we can help them out with a week's worth of meals or something, hopefully, for one of them, that may be something to turn the corner and they'll be back on the road where they were."
Last-second shot saves Ohio State yet again

By GREG BEACHAM
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Ohio State needed another last-second shot, and Aaron Craft had the ball at the top of the key again.

But last week's hero gave it up to the hottest hand on the floor, and LaQuinton Ross sent the Buckeyes to the brink of their second-straight Final Four.

Ross hit the tiebreaking 3-pointer with 2 seconds to play, and Ohio State advanced to the West Regional final with a 73-70 victory over Arizona on Thursday night.

Ross, Ohio State’s remarkable reserve, scored 14 of his 17 points in the second half for the second-seeded Buckeyes (29-7), who rallied from an early 11-point deficit. With Ross making a series of tough shots capped by that dramatic 3, Ohio State weathered the sixth-seeded Wildcats’ late charge for its 11th-consecutive victory since mid-February.

“It feels great, man,” said Ross, a once-ballyhooed recruit who has grown into a bigger role in the past two months. “I think this is what every player grows up looking at on TV, wanting to hit that big shot for an NCAA tournament team. It just feels great right now.”

Deshaun Thomas scored 20 points for Ohio State, and Craft added 13 before ceding Ohio State’s final shot to Ross when the Wildcats didn’t make the proper switch on the Buckeyes’ screen.

Craft then defined his second 3-pointer and set off a wild celebration in the Ohio State section of the Arizona-dominated crowd.

Craft hit an awfully similar 3-pointer against Iowa State last Sunday to send the Buckeyes forward with a 75-72 victory, but Ross didn’t flinch at his turn under pressure in this increasingly magical Ohio State season.

“LaQuinton has really grown in a lot of areas,” Ohio State coach Thad Matta said. “I think the biggest thing he’s done is he’s engaged himself in all the little things, and that’s made him a better basketball player. We’re proud of him.”

Arizona couldn’t get off a shot on its last-second inbounds heave, and Mark Lyons greeted Ross in the postgame handshakes with a joking, “I can’t stand you.”

Lyons’ acrobatic 3-point play for the Wildcats (27-8) had tied it with 21.8 seconds left, thanks to a foul by Ross. But Ross knew he might be in for a special moment when he was assigned Kobe Bryant’s stall in the Lakers’ locker room at Staples Center — and he nailed a shot that would make the NBA star proud.

“I was similar to the play we ran last game,” Ross said. “We like to get the [big men] on a pick-and-roll. It is hop- tastic: they messed up the switch there, and I was able to knock down the shot.”

On Saturday, Ohio State will face the winner of the late game between underdogs Wichita State and La Salle. As the only top-eight seed left in the West, the Buckeyes will be Atlanta-bound with one more win.

Sam Thompson added 11 points for the Buckeyes, who trailed for nearly the entire first half before pushing ahead and nursing a small lead throughout the final minutes.

Lyons scored 25 points including his gutsy 3-point play for the Wildcats, who rallied from a 10-point deficit in the second half before falling just short of their second NCAA regional final in four years. Solomon Hill added 16 points in his native Los Angeles, but the rest of Arizona combined for just 31 points on 10-for-29 shooting.

“Tried to force the issue too much to get back on the hot start,” Lyons said.

After Arizona jumped out to that early 11-point lead, Ohio State gathered its game and mounted a 33-13 surge spanning halftime, taking a 35-33 lead with 11 minutes left. The Wildcats finally recaptured the lead late and shot the Buckeyes in front with 9-consecutive points down the stretch.
today's events

- 10 a.m., Andy Koons
- 11 a.m., Business Preview
- 12:30 p.m., IMU Main Lounge

Horoscopes

ANnEs March 9: Your intelligence and your insight are all too often directed in the wrong direction. Paradoxically, making an impulsive move because someone is pressuring you might be the best course of action.

TaurUs April 20-May 20: Do something special with someone you truly respect or reexamine your career goals. This is a time for making important moves or career decisions.

Gemini May 21-June 20: Exciting moves are possible. You may even be entertained by a new romance or an unexpected social event.

LEO July 24-Aug. 23: Definitely no drama. You'll have plenty of time to pursue your passions. This could be a great time to travel or explore new hobbies.

Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22: Your friends and acquaintances are likely to offer you good advice regarding your personal or professional life. Take advantage of this support system.

Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 22: Don't be afraid to express your feelings. Someone you care about may also be feeling the same way.

ScOrPiO Oct. 23-Nov. 21: Your vision will be clear, and a decision you make regarding a partnership may prove to be highly beneficial for both of you.

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21: You'll have plenty of time to relax and enjoy the simpler things in life. Focus on your personal goals, and you'll be on the right path.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19: Your personal and professional life may be on an upward trajectory, so take advantage of the positive momentum.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18: A new opportunity may arise that will help you advance your career.

Pisces Feb. 19-March 20: A new relationship may develop that will bring you closer to your goals. However, be cautious about overcommitting yourself.

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Indians get revenge

By HOWARD FENDRICH
Associated Press

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**SPORTS**

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After the first few games of the season became impossible to play on the field, Iowa will finally play its first home game of the season.

By TOMMY REINKING
tennis correspondent

The last time Iowa played a game at Bosky Field was nearly 10 months ago — a 7-6 win over then-No. 16 Purdue at Little Rock, Ark. on March 1-3. The Black and Gold were scheduled to play four games in Lawrence, Kan., and the game was postponed and the series canceled, and we've had to travel places. The wear and tear has been tough. The best thing is that our players haven't made one excuse. “Our guys can't wait to play at home,” head coach Jack Dahm said. “We've already had a bunch of games canceled, and we've had to travel places. The wear and tear has been tough. The best thing is that our players haven't made one excuse.”

The wait for the first home series of the season has been a long and arduous one for the Hawkeyes. But the squad will finally get the chance to compete at home Saturday through April 5 against another highly ranked team — No. 19 Indiana.

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The first time Iowa had to cancel a series for a reason was a long weekend of March 1-3. The Black and Gold were scheduled to play four games in Lawrence, Kan., but had to cancel because of snow and instead played their games at Bosky Field. The club's first scheduled home series against Creighton was slated for March 15-18, but the series was moved to March 20 against Coe College at home on Monday, of snow. The next scheduled home game was March 20 against Creighton at home on Monday, of snow. The next scheduled home game was March 20 against Creighton at home on Monday, but Mother Nature wouldn’t allow it, and the game was postponed and moved to April 21. The field wasn’t even ready for Iowa’s matchup against No. 19 Indiana in a two-day span, there wasn’t much, if anything, she could say on the matter.

“I don’t know if it was jitters — may be a little bit of jitters,” Blank said, struggling to find an exact reason for the sweep. “We still don’t really know exactly what happened.”

That humbling experience gave the Black and Gold an opportunity to reflect and recollect themselves for this weekend’s series against an even tougher Big Ten foe in Wisconsin (25-3, 3-0 Big Ten). "It’s Coach’s decision, he doesn’t have a set No. 6 singles player, causing Houghton to rotate three different players through the lineup this past weekend. “He’s going to switch the lineup depending on the meet, whether it’s indoors or outdoors, and how well we practice.”

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The Black and Gold softball team has refocused on the fundamentals to prepare for a tough test in Wisconsin.

By CODY GOODMAN
"Megan Blank couldn't find an anwer. She and her teammates were excited — she used the words “pretty pumped” — for last weekend's home-sweeping softball series with Minnesota. But after the Golden Gophers swept the Hawkeyes in a two-day span, there wasn’t much, if anything, she could say on the matter."

Iowa’s Luke Yaroschuk throws to complete a double play against South Dakota State in Banks Field on April 5, 2013. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)

Iowa's baseball (19-11, 0-3 Big Ten) vs. Wisconsin (25-3, 3-0)

Where: Pearl Field

When: 4 p.m. today; 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Saturday

Saturday Where: Pearl Field

By DOMINIC WHITE

The Hawkeyes are set to compete against Penn State today at the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex at 2 p.m.

The Iowa men's tennis team enters to-day's match with newfound confidence after a relatively successful spring trip. The Hawkeyes began to struggle during the end of February and early March after a hot start to the season. The Black and Gold were defeated in five of their last six matches, picking up a win against perennial powerhouse Northwestern.

“We played very well against Fresno State,” head coach Steve Houghton said. “They may be down a little bit today, but they have enough talent to be a good national team. So it’s really a good win for us as we look towards our matchup with Penn State.”

Houghton tinkered with his lineup this past weekend, in some part, to Matt Hagan’s advanced knee. The injury appears to be minor, and the sophomore is expected to be in action this weekend.

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The junior didn’t receive a lot of playing time in the early portions of the season. However, he’s recently been given an opportunity to crack the lineup and has been throwing at the No. 6 position. The Buckeye native won his first two matches during Iowa’s sweep against two teams that have flirted...